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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: PRIME MINISTER CARAMANLIS SEEKS TO MOVE BALKAN  
COOPERATION FORWARD

1. THE GOG MADE PUBLIC ON AUGUST 7, 1976 AN IDENTICAL LETTER  
FROM PRIME MINISTER CARAMANLIS SENT TO PRESIDENTS  
CEAUSESCU OF ROMANIA, ZHIVKOV OF BULGARIA AND TITO  
OF YUGOSLAVIA AND TO PRIME MINISTER DEMIREL OF TURKEY  
CALLING FOR RENEWED EFFORTS TO MOVE BALKAN COOPERATION FORWARD.

2. IN HIS LETTER, CARAMANLIS NOTED THAT THE GOG ON JULY 29 HAD  
FORWARDED TO THE PARTICIPANTS IN LAST FEBRUARY'S BALKAN CONFERENCE  
PROPOSALS REGARDING PROJECTS IDENTIFIED AT THAT MEETING WHICH IT  
DEEMED WORTHY OF FOLLOWING UP. HE EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THESE  
PROPOSALS ALONG WITH THOSE WHICH WILL BE SUBMITTED BY OTHER GOVERN-  
MENTS (IN HIS LETTER TO TITO HE ACKNOWLEDGED THE YUGOSLAVS WERE  
THE FIRST TO MAKE SUCH PROPOSALS) WILL NOW BE REVIEWED BY THE  
PARTICIPANT NATIONS SO THAT "SUITABLE METHODS FOR THEIR  
ADOPTION ON A MULTILATERAL LEVEL, INCLUDING A NEW CONFERENCE  
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TO THIS END, MAY SUBSEQUENTLY BE DECIDED IN COMMON".

3. AFTER REMINDING THE ADDRESSEES THAT MULTILATERAL TECHNICAL AND ECONOMIC COOPERATION CAN SERVE PEACE AND STABILITY IN THE AREA, CARAMANLIS CALLS UPON THE ADDRESSEES TO "CONTINUE TO FOLLOW, WITH THE SAME PERSONAL INTEREST AS UP TO NOW, THE EFFORTS FOR THE FULFILLMENT OF BALKAN COOPERATION".

4. COMMENT: THE FOREIGN MINISTRY TELLS US THAT THERE IS NO MORE TO THE LETTER THAN MEETS THE EYE. WHATEVER THE PROSPECTS FOR BROAD INTER-BALKAN COOPERATION--AND THE FOREIGN OFFICE HERE IS HARDLY BULLISH ON THE MATTER--CARAMANLIS' LATEST MISSIVE DEMONSTRATES ONCE AGAIN THAT HE INTENDS TO CONTINUE TO PUSH IT, IF ONLY TO DENY HIS DOMESTIC OPPOSITION AN OPPORTUNITY TO CHARGE HIM WITH FAILING TO EXPLOIT "BALKAN OPPORTUNITIES".  
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